



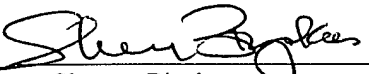
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

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- a. X Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.
- b. This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. , filed on . The following references were submitted to, and/or cited by, the Office in the prior application (s) and, therefore, are not required to be provided in this application.

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE

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- a. X Except as may be indicated below in (b), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language or were cited in an English language Search Report, a copy of which is attached hereto (concise explanation not required).
- b. A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:
- c. The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration:

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- b. within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an international application (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) (2). No fee or certification is required.

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- b. X See the certification below. No fee is required.

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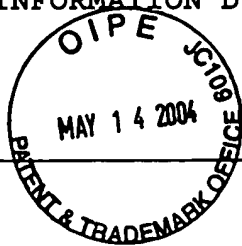


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UNITED STATES PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAM. INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FIL. DATE IF APPR
	AA	5,741,551	4/21/98	Guire et al.	427	407.1	4/23/96
	AB	6,077,698	6/20/00	Swan et al.	435	174	1/2/98

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRAN YES/NO
	BA	WO 88/02623	4/21/88	PCT	A61F	2/5	Yes
	BB	0 326 579 B1	1/11/95	EP	A61L	27/00	Yes
	BC	0 407 390 B1	4/24/96	EP	A61F	2/54	Yes
	BD	0 425 485 B1	10/4/00	EP	A61F	2/02	Yes
	BE	0 585 436 B1	5/3/00	EP	C12N	11/06	Yes
	BF	1,305,068	10/16/87	Canada	204	91.09	Yes
	BG	1,335,721	12/8/88	Canada	204	91.02	Yes

OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)

CA	Hoffman, Letter to the Editor: A general classification scheme for "hydrophilic" and "hydrophobic" biomaterial surfaces, Journal of Biomedical Materials Research, 20:ix-xi (1986)

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application are the following documents:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (4 pages) and 1449 Form (1 page);
2. References for IDS (10 references);
3. Status Inquiry (2 pages);
4. Change of Address (1 page);
5. This Transmittal Letter (x2); and
6. Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any excess fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **04-1105**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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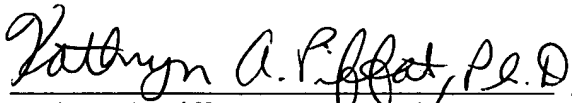
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STATUS INQUIRY

More than eight (8) months have passed since:

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the filing of an _____ on _____.
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The Appeal Brief was filed on _____.
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☐ An Examiner's Answer was mailed on _____.
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the mailing of FORM POL-327 and/or Examiner's Amendment on _____.

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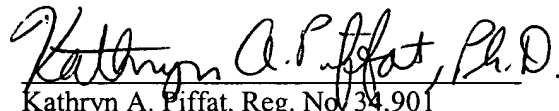
NEW applications until a reasonable period after the Official Gazette indicates that the filing date of the "oldest new case" awaiting action in the group to which the application is assigned, is subsequent to the filing date of the application, or

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